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BEGIN SUMMARY. THE NOMINATION OF ALFONSO LOPEZ BY THE LIBERAL CONVENTION HAS AROUSED A GREAT DEAL OF COMMENT AMONG POLITICIANS AND IN THE PRESS. AS A RESULT OF THE SURPRISE CANDIDACY ALL POLIT GROUPS ARE NOW RETHINKING THEIR STRATEGY IN TERMS OF LOPEZ' VICTORY. THE CONSERVATIVE NATIONAL DIRECTORATE HAS CONVOKED THE CONSERVATIVE CONVENTION FOR SEPT 14 AND THE ANAPO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AGAIN PROCLAIMED GUSTAVO ROJAS PINILLA AS THE ANAPO PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE. END SUMMRY

1. ALL OF COLOMBIA' S POLIT LEADERS HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN THE IMMEDIATE AFTERMATH OF THE LIBEAL CONVENTION OF JUNE 30- JULY 1 AND THE ELECTION OF ALFONSO LOPEZ MICHELSEN AS THE LIBERAL CANDIDATE. ALVARO GOMEZ HURTADO, THE PROBABLE CONSERVATIVE CANDIDATE FOR THE PRESIDENCY, SENT LOPEZ A LETTER IN WHICH HE UNCLASSIFIED

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CONGRATULATED HIM ON THE CONVENTION VICTORY AND SAID THE TWO TRADITIONAL PARTIES ARE THE MAINSTAY OF DEMOCRACY AND HE BELIEVES THEY WILL CONDUCT THEIR CAMPAIGNS IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF CORDIALITY. LOPEZ REPLIED TO PRES PASTRANA'S LETTER OF CONGRATULATIONS SAYING HE EXPECTS TO CARRY ON HIS CAMPAIGN IN AN ATMOSPHERE CONDUCIVE TO THE FREE EXPRESSION AND EXAMINATION OF IDEAS WITHOUT ENGENDERING VIOLENCE. HE SAID THAT THE PRES'S ACTIONS DURING HIS ADMINISTRATION HAVE BEEN A GURAANTEE OF GOVERNMENTAL IMPARTIALITY.

2. EX FOREIGN MIN GERMAN ZEA HERNANDEZ A LEADING MEMBER OF THE TURBAYISTA GROUP, ISSUED A STATEMENT DENYING CHARGES THAT THE TURBAYISTAS WERE UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTE AGAINST LLERAS IN THE CONVENTION. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE TURBAYISTA GROUP HAD PROPOSED THE NAME OF JULIO CESAR TURBAY TO ALFONSO LOPEZ AND CARLOS LLERAS FOR DIRECTOR OF THE PARTY. HE EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD CALLED TURBAY IN LONDON IN THE MIDST OF THE CONVENTION TO TELL HIM THE DELS WERE ABOUT TO CHOOSE THE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE AND THAT SOME TURBAYISTAS WANTED TO PRESENT TURBAY'S NAME FOR THE NOMINATION. ZEA RELATES THAT TURBAY SAID HE WOULD ACCEPT THE DIRECTORSHIP OF THE PARTY IF HE WERE ELECTED UN-ANIMOUSLY, BUT THAT HE REFUSED TO ALLOW HIS NAME TO BE PUT UP FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION. ZEA EMPHASIZED THAT THE TURBAYISTAS, IN ACCORD WITH TURBAY'S WISHES, WERE NOT SUBJECT TO GROUP DISCIPLINE AND THAT EACH DEL VOTED FOR THE CANDIDATE HE PERSONALLY FAVORED.

3. ANAPO LEADER MARIA EUGENIA ROJAS DE MORENO ALSO COMMENTED ON LOPEZ' ELECTION. SHE POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS LOGICAL FOR THE CONVENTION TO SELECT LOPEZ BECAUSE OF THE GREAT AMOUNT OF ANTI LLERAS FEELING IN THE COUNTRY. SHE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE ANAPO CAMPAIGN WILL CONTINUE AND THAT LOPEZ AND ALVARO GOMEZ HURTADO BOTH REPRESENT THE OLIGARRDY, WHILE ANAPO REPRESENTS THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE PEOPLE. THE ANAPO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MADE A DECLARATION ON JULY 4 AGAIN PROCLAIMING GUSTAVO ROJAS PINILLA AS THE ANAPO PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE.

4. AN EL TIEMPO EDITORIAL OF JULY 2 EXPRESSED A CERTAIN DEGREE OF DISAPPOINTMENT IN LOPEZ' VICTORY, BUT AT THE SAME TIME LAUDED THE PARTY'S DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES AND CALLED FOR PARTY UNITY. EL ESPECTADOR'S EDITORIAL OF JULY 2 STATED THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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LOPEZ IS A CANDIDATE WORTHY OF THE PARTY AND WENT ON TO SAY THAT ONE OF HIS MOST PRESSING PROBLEMS IF ELECTED PRES IS TO REDUCE THE SOCIAL INEQUALITIES THAT EXIST IN COLOMBIA. THE OTHER LIBERAL PAPERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY SOUNDED A NOTE OF RELIEF THAT THE INTERNAL PARTY STRUGGLE IS OVER AND THAT THE LIBERALS MOST PROBABLY WILL WIN THE PRESIDENCY IN 1974. SACCIO

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